What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for storing, in a navigation system, map data that represent traffic path segments, in particular for motor vehicles, only map data within a corridor around a driving route being deposited in a memory of the navigation system, wherein the map data within the corridor are selected before storage in the navigation system.

2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the selection of the map data is accomplished on the basis of a utilization probability, for the case of a deviation from the driving route, of the traffic path segments located in the corridor.

3. The method as recited in Claim 2, wherein the utilization probability is a function of the distance of a particular traffic path segment from the driving route.

4. The method as recited in Claim 2 or 3, wherein the utilization probability is a function of a property of a traffic path segment, preferably a road class, of a particular traffic path segment located in the corridor.

5. The method as recited in one of the foregoing claims, wherein a first defined region around the destination of the driving route and/or a second defined region around the starting location of the driving route are exempted from the map data selection.

6. The method as recited in one of the foregoing claims, wherein the map data are managed in tiles of a defined areal extent; and the selection is accomplished for all map data within each tile in accordance with a uniform selection criterion.

7. A navigation system, in particular for a motor vehicle, having a memory for map data and a control system that is embodied to deposit in the memory only those map data that represent traffic path segments within a corridor around a driving route,

wherein the control system is further implemented to select, before storage, the map data that represent traffic path segments located within the corridor.